

METROPOLITAN LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
APPROVED Minutes
January 27, 2022 (December postponed meeting)
9:30 a.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kimberly Johnson, Chairperson
Shaketa Draughn, Co-Chairperson
Pamela Jones, Member
Crystal Burgess, Member
Nikivias Goode, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kiva Gatewood, Member
Danielle Johnson, Member
Nikkea Hardy, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Technical Advisor: Andrea Milhouse, Advocate/Region 4 Office of Human Rights
Karlyne Snead, Advocate/Region 4 Office of Human Rights, Observing
Megan Ingram, Wall Residence, LLC

CALL TO ORDER

Kimberly Johnson, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. Those in attendance made introductions.

Approval OF AGENDA

No corrections made to agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The draft minutes of the September 29, 2021 meeting were reviewed, member Pamela Jones's name listed erroneously as Pamela Johnson. Pamela Jones made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, seconded by Crystal Burgess and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chair reminded all members of the possible need for committee members to assemble for an upcoming hearing. Chair shared information regarding a meeting with SHRD; requests that members offer suggestions via email. Reported on the need of a subcommittee for the revision of Bylaws, please email Chair if any member is interested in serving on this subcommittee.

ADVOCATE REPORT and Training

Data Review– Andrea Milhouse provided update on 2021 3rd quarter Abuse Allegations and Complaints. There were 810 abuse/neglect allegation cases reported, of which 86 were substantiated. There were 51 complaints with 3 resulting in violations.

Committee Training – Andrea Milhouse provided training on Office of Human Rights regulations Dignity (50) and Restrictions on Freedoms of Everyday Life (100).

Advocate reported on new DBHDS Commissioner Neil Smith, Former Gov. Ralph Northam's Executive Order #84 and State of Emergency expiration on 2/11/2022; the addition of new administrative staff, Amaya Henderson; and Travel Reimbursement of LHRC members.

OLD BUSINESS

Human Rights Advocate reported on the request for review of shift change and conducting investigation policies of Good Neighbor Homes, Inc. Policies for committee Chair where no recommendations for revisions were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections - Elections of new committee officers (Secretary) Pamela Jones appointed. There was no opposition.

CLOSED (EXECUTIVE) SESSION

Upon a motion made by Pamela Jones, and seconded by Shaketa Draughn, followed by reading of the purpose statement, the committee entered closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711, a.15 and §2.2-37.05.5 for the purposes of protecting the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of reviewing two restriction request for Wall Residences, LLC.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Crystal Burgess made a motion to come out of Closed Session, seconded by Shaketa Draughn. Upon returning to Open Session, Crystal Burgess read the statement regarding returning to open session and members Pamela Jones, Nikivias Goode, Shaketa Draughn and Kimberly Johnson certified that to the best of each ones' knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Metropolitan LHRC is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Kimberly Johnson entertained a motion to adjourn, made by Shaketa Draughn and seconded by Crystal Burgess, adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

These Minutes were transcribed by Andrea Milhouse, OHR Advocate.

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